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DEPT FOR H PASS TO CODEL HASKELL

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TAGS: OVIP (HASKELL, FLOYD K.)

SUBJECT: CODEL HASKELL - WRAP

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1. SENATOR HASKELL SHOWN COPY REFTTEL 22 APRIL 1976. HE APPROVES OF TEXT AS WRITTEN, EXCEPT FOR PARA SIX (6) WHICH SHOULD REAS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: SENATOR HASKELL TOLD SPEAKER THAT HE CAN SEE SENATE SUPPLYING SIX C-130'S AND THAT HE CAN ALSO ENVISAGE THS UPPLY OF MAJOR MILITARY ITEMS TO EGYPT. HE ASKED THE SPEAKER TO GIVE HIS IMPRESSION OF THIS. MAR'I SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH SENATOR'S ASSESSMENT, BUT THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY. USSR GAVE MAJOR ARMS, THEN THEY BEGAN TO DELAY, PEOPLE ASKED WHY AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS TERMINATED. PEOPLE WANT NO FURTHER CONFLICT, BUT THEY WANT TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO NEGOTIATE. IF YOU LIMIT ARMS SALES TO EGYPT YOU MUST MAKE SURE THAT ISRAEL CONTINUES PEACE PROCESS. HASKELL AGREED THAT PERHAPS BEST WAY TO PURSUE PEACE IS TO PUT RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL. MAR'I SAID IT HAS BEEN PROVED THAT WAR DOES NOT PROTECT ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT EGYPT WILL CONTINUE ITS SEARCH FOR PEACE. BUT ISRAEL MUST ALSO CONTINUE. IF ISRAEL CONTINUES, THEN SUCH U.S. ARMS POLICY TOWARDS EGYPT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD. END QUOTE.

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